

REMARKS

Claims 2-18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request examination of pending claim 1. The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, thus rendering it consistent with the drawings and the remainder of the specification.

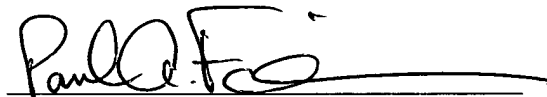
If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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